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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for November 12 - November 23, 2001

THIS WEEK

- **Coordination Between Federal and State Law Enforcement:** The DEA, FBI, INS, and Office of Justice Programs testified on November 13 at a joint hearing before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations; Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources; and Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations on how effectively Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies are working together, i.e. information sharing. (Bernhardt, Coughlin, D. Burton)
- **INS Policies Related to Illegal Entry:** On November 14th, Mike Pearson, Executive Associate Commissioner for Field Operations, will testify before the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Investigations regarding the INS policies on the handling of illegal entry cases. (D.Burton)
- **Implementing Legislation (H.R. 3275):** On November 14, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime will hold a hearing on H.R. 3275, a bill to Implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. Assistant Attorney General Chertoff will represent the Department on this legislation. Immediately after the hearing, the Subcommittee will mark-up both H.R. 3275 and H.R. 3209, the Anti-Hoax Act. (Daley)

LAST WEEK

- **Presidential Records Act:** On November 6, Acting Assistant Attorney General Ed Whelan from the Office of Legal Counsel testified before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations about the Presidential Records Act. John Carlin, Archivist of the United States,

also testified with several private sector witnesses. Mr. Whelan explained that the President's recent Executive Order provides procedural guidance but does not alter any substantive provisions of the Presidential Records Act, which was a significant Subcommittee concern. (F. Burton)

- **Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2002:** The Senate version passed on November 8; the House version was passed a few weeks ago. At the request of House Intelligence Committee staff, additional provisions to supplement or make technical fixes to provisions of the USA-Patriot Act are in OMB clearance for possible inclusion during conference on the final legislation. Pre-conference discussions are underway, and a conference on the bill likely will occur this week or next. (Walter)
- **Nominations:** On November 6, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Thomas L. Sansonetti, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Also on November 6, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Odessa F. Vincent, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and the nomination has been placed on the Committee's agenda for the markup on November 14.

The nomination of Larry Hicks, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, was confirmed by the Senate on November 5. The following judicial nominations were confirmed on November 6: M. Christina Armijo, to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico; Karon O. Bowdre, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; and Stephen D. Friot, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. The nomination of Terry Wooten, to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 8 and confirmed by the Senate on the same day. The Senate has scheduled a roll call vote for November 13 on the nomination of Edith Brown Clement to be a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The nominations of Sharee Freeman, to be Director of the Community Relations Service, and Juan Carlos Benitez, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, were confirmed by the Senate on November 6 and the nomination of Jay B. Stephens, to be Associate Attorney General, was confirmed on November 8.

On November 6, the following U.S. Attorney nominees were confirmed: William W. Mercer, Montana; Thomas E. Moss, Idaho; J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., South Carolina; Leura G. Canary, Middle District of Alabama; Paul K. Charlton, Arizona; Jeffrey G. Collins, Eastern District of Michigan; William S. Duffey, Jr., Northern District of Georgia; Maxwell Wood, Middle District of Georgia; Dunn Lampton, Southern District of Mississippi; Alice H. Martin, Northern District of Alabama; and Drew H. Wrigley, North Dakota. (Scott-Finan)